(b) whether it is a fact that Dronacharya award winners has been denied the facility of free railway passes when they and Arjuna award winners come under the same category and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would reconsider its decision?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Dronacharya award winners, are not covered under the scheme of complimentary card passes. Due to resource constraints, Railways are not in a position to add any new category, including Dronacharya Award winners, in the list of categories entitled to Complimentary Card Pass.

**Various Projects of Railways under Construction in Punjab**

428. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various project viz. gauge conversion, new railway lines, construction of bridges etc. in the State of Punjab and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c)

| Details of projects. | Cost (Rs. in Crs.) | Progress made |
|---|---|---|
| **UTTAR PRADESH** | | |
| NEW LINES | | |
| Katra Faizabad | 51.00 | land acquisition completed. Tenders for the bridge are under finalisation. |
| GAUGE CONVERSIONS | | |
| Mathura-Achnera | 20.00 | This work was earlier planned under BOLT Scheme, However, owing to high rates and unacceptable conditions, the work would be taken up by the Railways in the coming years. |
| Khadda-Gorakhpur | 67.00 | Work is in full swing and is expected to be completed during 1998-99. |
| Kashipur-Lalkuan | 45.00 | The work would be completed by end of 1999. |
| Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura & Kasganj-Bareilly. | 395.00 | CCEA's approval has been received. Work is being started and will be completed in the IXth Plan. |

BRIDGES

| Name of Work | Cost (Rs. in lakhs) | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Rly's Share | State Share | |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 116A at Km. 636/0-1 Ahraura Rd. Jeonathpur Sec. near Jeonathpur. | 31.98 | 36.10 | 100% work completed. ROB opened for traffic. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 34-B at Km. 58/15-16 on Sultanpur-Zafrabad near Sultanpur. | 113.70 | 135.02 | 27% progress by Rly. & 50% by State Govt. due to land acquisition not done by State Govt. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 26A at Km. 107/11-12 near Raibareilly. | 129.00 | 193.00 | 100% work completed. ROB opened for Traffic. |
| ROB at Km. 677/9-10 on Mughalsarai-Allahabad near Ramnagar. | deposit | 770.00 | 70% progress. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 12A at Km. 877/26-27 near Subedarganj | 209.51 | 228.30 | 71% progress of work. State Govt. not started. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 279 B3 at Km. 1175/6-7 on Batraya Panwari near Hardoi | 191.94 | 221.23 | 100% work completed by Rly. State Govt. work not progressing due to shortage of funds. |
| RUB in lieu of LC No. 29 Km. near Etawah. | 311.67 | 307.24 | 12% progress of work. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 21A near Partapur | 144.92 | 670.01 | Tender under finalisation. |
| ROB in lieu of LC 95-A at Km. 1296-31 near Hateras | 373.76 | 453.95 | Plan approval awaited from State Govt. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 109A at Km. 1325/35-37 on Ghaziabad-Kanpur Sec. near 1325/35-37 Aligarh at Ramghat Road. | 139.48 | 345.27 | Plan & Est. under preparation. |
| ROB on NH No. 28 at Km. 188 near Rampur | 265.00 | 265.00 | Work deferred by Rly. as State Govt. not started approved work. |
| RUB in lieu of LC No. 154-C at Km. 18/12-14 on Gaushala Road Ghaziabad. | 174.90 | 236.41 | Plan and estimate under preparation |
| ROB at Km. 56/126 on Balamau bye pass road near Sitapur (Lucknow) | deposit work. | 92.52 | 65% progress of work by Rly. 80% by State Govt. |

**BRIDGES**

| Name of Work | Cost (Rs. in lakhs) | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Rly's Share | State Share | |
| ROB near Lucknow bye-pass at Faizabad | deposit work | 179.00 | 65% progress of work by Rly. & 15% by State Govt. |
| ROB near Faizabad-Allahabad bye-pass road at Faizabad. | deposit work | | 70% progress of work by Rly. & 45% by State Govt. |
| ROB near Faizabad BSB bye pass road at Faizabad. | deposit work | | 76% progress of work by Rly. & 75% by State Govt. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 3 ML 'A' between Badsha Nagar & Malahar Rly. Station. | 342.00 | 1002.00 | State Govt's approval awaited for GAD and detailed estimate for bridge approaches. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 6 at Km., 4/6-7 near Eye Hospital at Kanpur on Kanpur-Anwarganj-Rawatur Section. | 305.00 | 429.00 | State Govt. not yet sanctioned the estimate. |
| ROB in lieu of LC no. 2A at Km. 63/3-4 near Mauindara. | 373.00 | 411.00 | 100% progress by Rly. & 90% by State Govt. |
| RUB Km. 213/9-10 near Hartatpur. | deposit work. | 425.00 | 92% progress. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 31 'A' at Km. 65/6-7 near Ballia. | 365.96 | 497.69 | 100% work complete ROB opened on March 97. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 1 Spl. at Km. 188 near Rampur. | 530.00 | | GAD plan under finalisation with MOST |
| **PUNJAB** | | | |
| NEW LINES Ludhiana-Chandigarh | | 248.43 | Work will be taken up after obtaining the necessary clearances. |
| Taran Tarn-Goindwal | | 22.96 | Work will be taken up after obtaining Planning Commission's approval. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 2A/2 near LUDHIANA. | 118.07 | 843.05 | Estimate under sanction. |
| ROB in lieu of LC No. 25B at Kot-Kapura near | 400.79 | 619.09 | Estimate under process. |

| Name of Work | Cost (Rs. in lakhs) | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Rly's Share | State Share | Remarks |
| BHATINDA. | | | |
| ROB in lieu of LC 68A on Ludhiana-Amritsar section near Jalandhar Cantt. at Ramamandi. | 304.50 | 299.17 | Plan & Est. under process. |
| ROB in lieu of LC A-1 on Ludhiana-Dhuri section near Ludhiana. | 234.26 | 735.13 | Plan under approval with State Govt |
| ROB widening near RAJPURA on UMB-LDN line. | deposit work. | 669.00 | 6% progress. |

**Construction of railway track from Panchatna to Silchar**

429. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposal of Government of Meghalaya to construct a Railway track from Panchatna to Silchar along the International Border with Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, by when Government will start the process of construction of the said Railway line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has been sent for clearance by Defence authorities and the construction can be taken up only after the requisite clearance is over.

**Construction of Daitari—Banspani line in Orissa**

430. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Daitari-Banspani line which is under constructin in Orissa;

(b) whether East-Coast Railway Division has identified that project as a priority project in order to expedite the construction work;

(c) if so, the fund provision made in 1997-98 for the purpose; and

(d) the date by which the line is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Work on the formation and bridges between kms. 0 to 124 is at present in progress. The land beyond kms. 124 upto 155 is to be made available by the State Govt. to the Railways. For environmental clearance, State Govt. has already approached Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Rs. 25 crores have been provided during the current financial year.

(d) By March, 2000.

**Setting up of Railway terminal at Dahanu Road**

431. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received a request in 1996 to set up a Railway terminal at Dahanu Road on Western Railway in Maharashtra;